

line 22, between "dies" and "not" insert a --,-- , and between "in" and "Figures" insert --the--.

Page 2, line 2, change "splitting" to --split--;

line 3, change "splitting" to --split--;

line 6, change "However, according" to --According--;

line 8, change "splitting" to --split--;

line 11, change "a" to --the--;

line 12, between "to" and "the" insert --make--;

line 18, between "a" and "produced" insert --light weight--, and delete "having a light weight";

line 19, change "that a" to --for the--; and

line 20, change "is" to --to be--.

Page 3, line 2, change "has been conducted in view of" to --addresses--;

line 6, change "the" (first occurrence) to --an--;

line 7, change "of" (first occurrence) to --for--;

line 8, change "the" (second occurrence) to --a light weight--;

line 9, change "to be" to --being--, and delete "being lightweight";

line 11, change "of" (first occurrence) to --for--;

line 15, change "of" (second occurrence) to --from--;

line 19, between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet --;

line 20, change "rotating" to -- continuing to rotate --, and between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet --;

line 21, after the "," insert -- the metal sheet material then also defining a

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non-processed portion,

line 22, change "a" to -- the --;

line 23, between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet --; and

line 24, delete "the".

Page 5, line 2, between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet --;

line 5, delete "the" (first occurrence), and between "the" and "material"  
insert --metal sheet --;

line 7, before "material" insert -- metal sheet --;

line 8, before "material" insert -- metal sheet --, and delete "the";

line 11, between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet --;

line 19, before "material" insert -- metal sheet --

line 21, between "than" and "axial" insert -- both --, and delete "both";

line 23, before "material" insert -- metal sheet -- and

line 25, delete "the" (first occurrence).

Page 5, line between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet --,

line 6, between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet --;

line 8, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet --;

line 11, delete "the" (second occurrence);

line 22, between "the" and "material" insert -- metal sheet

line 24, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet --.

Page 6, line 1, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 2, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 4, between "shaped" and "material" insert --metal sheet--, and delete

"of the";

line 5, delete "metal sheet";

line 15, delete "be", between "to" and "axial" insert --both--, and delete

"both";

line 19, delete "as";

line 22, delete "of a chevron portion forming";

line 23, change "step of forming" to --showing the formation of--;

line 24, delete "of a substantially circular"; and

line 25, change "portion forming step of forming" to --showing the

formation of--.

Page 7, line 2, delete "of a preliminary peripheral";

line 3, change "wall forming step of forming" to --showing the formation

of--;

line 4, delete "of a rough peripheral wall";

line 5, change "forming step of forming" to --showing the formation of--;

line 6, delete "of a peripheral wall forming";

line 7, change "step of forming" to --showing the formation of--;

line 22, between "a" and "material" insert --sheet metal--; and

line 25, before "material" insert --sheet metal--.

Page 8, line 1, delete "of a peripheral wall forming step";

line 2, change "of forming" to ~~+~~showing the formation of--;

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line 7, between "the" and "invention" insert --present--;

line 12, between "the" and "material" insert --sheet metal--, and delete  
"the" (second occurrence);

line 20, change "in" to --on--;

line 21, change "shape" to --shaped--;

line 22, between the ", " and "inner" insert --the--; and

line 23, change "decided" to --referred to--.

Page 9, line 6, before "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 8, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 11, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 14, between "the" and "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 17, delete "from a", and change "radial" to --radially from--;

line 18, change "in" (first occurrence) to --by--;

line 20, before "material" insert --metal sheet--;

line 23, before "material" insert --metal sheet--; and

line 24, between "thickened" and "with" insert a --,--, and change "an" to

--a--.

Page 10, line 9, change "a radial" to --radially--;

line 10, change "in" (first occurrence) to --by--; and

line 21, delete "the" (second occurrence).

Page 11, line 4, change "a radial" to --radially--;

line 5, change "in" to --by--; and

line 17, change "3A" to -- 8 --.

Page 12, line 5, change "a radial" to --radially--;

line 6, change "in" (first occurrence) to --by--; and

line 8, change "to" to --in--.

Page 13, line 2, change "the radial" to --radially--;

line 7, change "in" (first occurrence) to --by--;

line 17, delete "the" (first occurrence); and

line 19, delete "the".

Page 14, line 4, delete "a"; and

line 21, change "the axial both" to --both axial--.

Page 15, line 12, between "in" and "case" insert --the--;

line 14, between "in" and "case" insert --the--;

line 16, between "having" and "effect" insert --the--;

line 17, change "produced" to --lightweight production of the-- and delete

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"to be lightweight"; and

lines 24 and 25, delete in their entirety.

Page 16, delete in its entirety.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-6 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A [M]method of manufacturing an annular member [made of] from  
a disc/shaped metal sheet material defining an outer periphery [having a peripheral wall]

comprising the steps of:

rotating [a] the disc-shaped metal sheet material [made of a metal sheet,];  
pressing [an] the outer periphery of the metal sheet material in a radially  
inward direction, while continuing to rotat[ing]e the metal sheet material,];  
thickening the outer periphery axially by said pressing [it], the metal sheet  
material then also defining a non-processed portion;  
protruding the outer periphery to either side of [a] the non-processed  
portion of the metal sheet material,]; and  
forming a peripheral wall protruding to [the] either side of the non-  
processed portion.

2. (Amended) The [M]method of manufacturing an annular member [made of a  
metal sheet having a peripheral wall] according to claim 1, wherein, in an intermediate phase of  
the step of thickening the outer periphery of the metal sheet material axially, a preliminary  
peripheral wall is formed so that the outer periphery may have an axial center portion which is  
more outwardly swelled than both axial [both] ends, so as to be arc-shaped.

3. (Amended) The [M]method of manufacturing an annular member [made of a  
metal sheet having a peripheral wall] according to claim 2, wherein, in advance of forming the  
preliminary peripheral wall, the outer periphery of the metal sheet material is formed so that a  
sectional face thereof may have a substantially circular shape.

4. (Amended) The [M]method of manufacturing an annular member [made of a  
metal sheet having a peripheral wall] according to claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

holding the non-processed portion of the metal sheet material between a

pair of dies[.];

producing said rotation of [rotating] the metal sheet material with the dies[.];

producing said pressing by a forming surface of a forming roller against the outer periphery of the metal sheet material[.]; and

rotating the forming roller together with the metal sheet material.

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5. (Amended) The [M]method of manufacturing an annular member [made of a metal sheet having a peripheral wall] according to claim 4, wherein, in an intermediate phase of the step of thickening the outer periphery of the metal sheet material axially, a preliminary peripheral wall is formed so that the outer periphery may have an axial center portion which is more outwardly swelled than both axial [both] ends, so as to be arc-shaped.

6. (Amended) The [M]method of manufacturing an annular member [made of a metal sheet having a peripheral wall] according to claim 5, [wherein a finishing] further comprising the step of finishing the preliminary peripheral wall protruding the either side of the non-processed portion in a predetermined shape [is included].

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Please add the following new claims:

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7. The method of manufacturing an annular member according to claim 1, further comprising the step of:

forming the non-processed portion into a stepped portion.

8. The method of manufacturing an annular member according to claim 7, wherein the stepped portion is formed before said pressing step.

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